

There are many Americans who live in Rural America because it is their home. They pay their bills, pay their taxes and most importantly are trying to live the American dream. They deserve the same benefits as each and every one of us. I work for U.S. Cellular®, in the Northwest suburbs of Illinois. The place where I work, I interact with so many customers from all over the country because our mall is one of the main tourist attractions in the state. My duty and responsibility is to make sure that every customer gets service where they want to use the phone. I get to interact with many customers who have homes in northern Wisconsin where they are so happy because they get to use their cell phones. In one incident, I came across a hunter who said that his car broke down in the middle of the road and he was able to use his phone service to call for help. He switched to U.S. Cellular®, b/c the other providers didn't have any coverage. I guess what I'm trying to say is that people are going to be left with no service with the FCC Universal Funding initiative. Yes, these customers might not be the majority, but are they not entitled to the same services as the citizens living in the cities and metropolitan areas? I ask you to please re-consider the Universal Funding initiative and put yourself in the shoes of customers who may potentially not get service anymore.